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MONTHLY FARM REPORT

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UPLAND COTTON - December 1, 2007

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD PER ACRES		PRODUCTION ¹	
	2006	Indicated 2007	2006	Indicated 2007	2006	Indicated 2007
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Thousand Bales ²</i>	
Alabama	560	390	579	492	675	400
Arizona	188	178	1,420	1,429	556	530
Arkansas	1,160	850	1,045	1,062	2,525	1,880
California	283	194	1,321	1,534	779	620
Florida	101	82	789	644	166	110
Georgia	1,370	1,010	818	784	2,334	1,650
Kansas	110	45	511	533	117	50
Louisiana	630	325	946	1,034	1,241	700
Mississippi	1,220	655	829	975	2,107	1,330
Missouri	496	389	953	950	985	770
New Mexico	48	44	930	1,124	93	103
North Carolina	865	495	713	718	1,285	740
Oklahoma	180	165	541	873	203	300
South Carolina	298	178	697	418	433	155
Tennessee	695	495	945	596	1,368	615
Texas	4,100	4,700	679	827	5,800	8,100
Virginia	104	59	717	830	155	102
United States	12,408	10,254	806	850	20,822	18,155

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned. ² 480-lb. net weight bales.

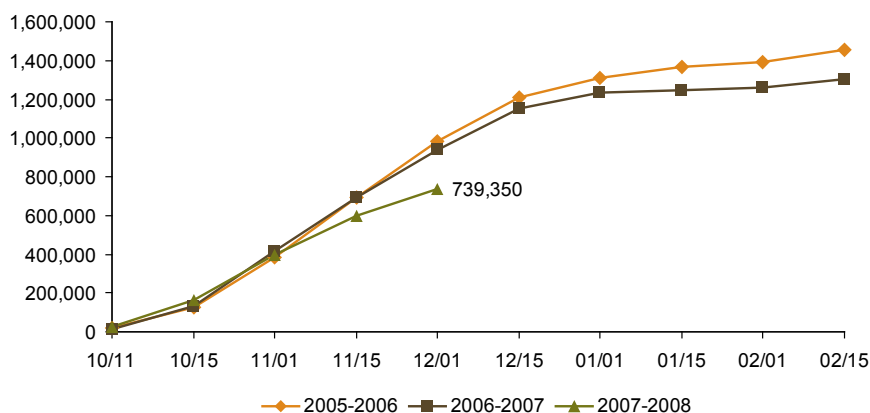
WEATHER SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 2007: Average temperatures for the month of November ranged from 37-60 degrees. Dry weather continues to dominate the state with below average rainfall for all stations for the month of November. Soil moisture levels were rated mostly very short and short for the entire month. The dry conditions hindered the planting of small grains but at the end of the month, the planting of small grains is just below the 5 year average. The last week of November had winter wheat 64% emerged, and soybeans were 78% harvested.

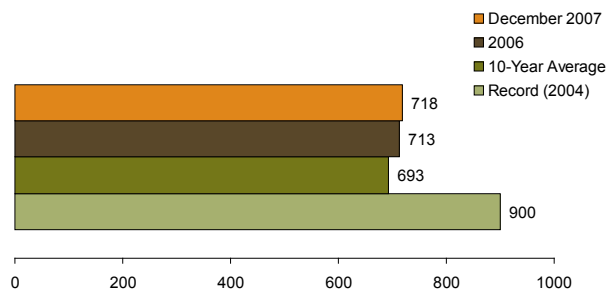
Cotton
production is
down **42%**
from last year.



COTTON GINNINGS - Running Bales Ginned (Year to Date)

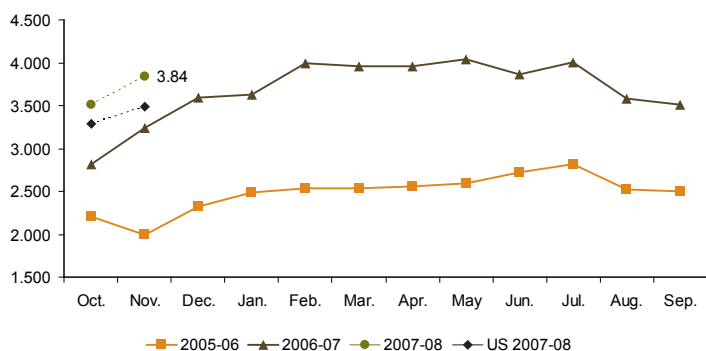


UPLAND COTTON YIELD (Pounds)



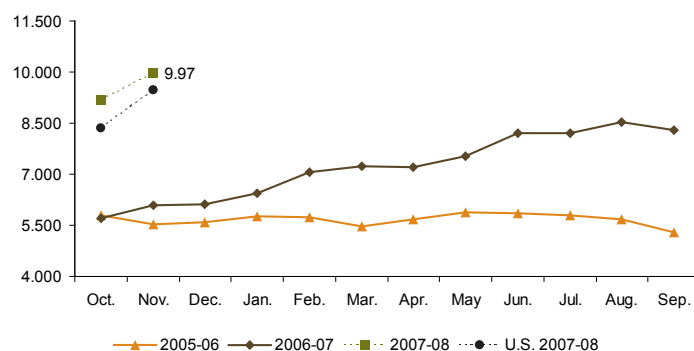
PRICES RECEIVED FOR CORN

**Preliminary Mid-month Prices for November, 2007 (Dollars per Bushel)*



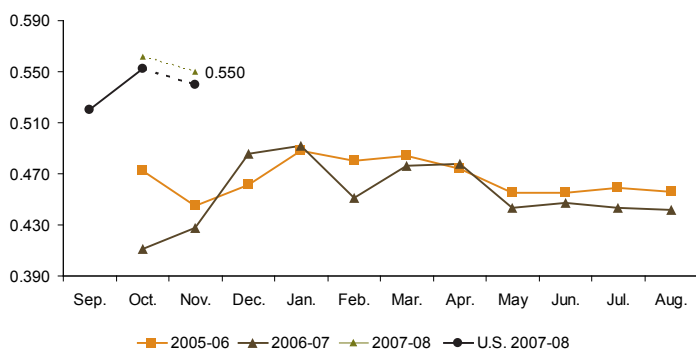
PRICES RECEIVED FOR SOYBEANS

**Preliminary Mid-month Prices for November, 2007 (Dollars per Bushel)*



PRICES RECEIVED FOR UPLAND COTTON

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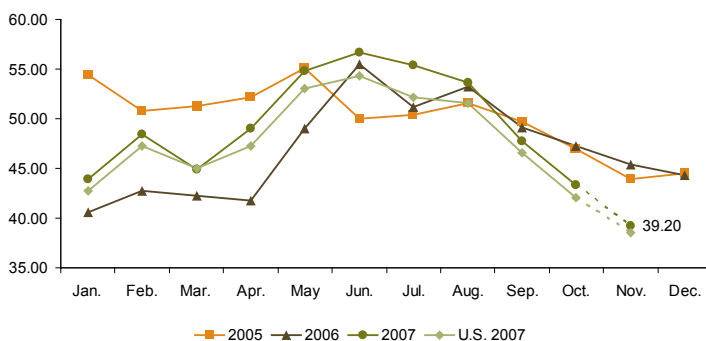
DECEMBER PRELIMINARY PRICES RECEIVED

- Corn \$3.84 per bushel
- Soybeans \$9.97 per bushel
- Upland Cotton \$0.550 per pound
- Peanuts \$0.225 per pound
- Hogs \$39.20 per hundredweight
- Eggs \$1.200 per dozen



PRICES RECEIVED FOR HOGS

**Preliminary Mid-month Prices for November, 2007 (Dollars per Cwt.)*



LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - October

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered ¹		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered ¹		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Thousand Pounds</i>		<i>Million Head</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Cattle	18.8	20.4	21,832	22,959	2.9	3.1	3,677	4,015	2,236	2,441
Hogs	1,004.6	1,121.3	253,105	289,594	9.6	10.7	2,589	2,870	1,932	2,145

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

EGG PRODUCTION - October

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousands</i>							
Alabama	8,779	9,352	170	182	40	31	130	151
Florida	10,703	10,783	242	245	235	236	7	9
Georgia	19,345	19,252	408	410	219	221	189	189
North Carolina	11,205	12,467	225	266	88	124	137	142
South Carolina	4,829	4,697	108	103	86	80	22	23
United States	344,538	341,490	7,678	7,695	6,600	6,565	1,078	1,130

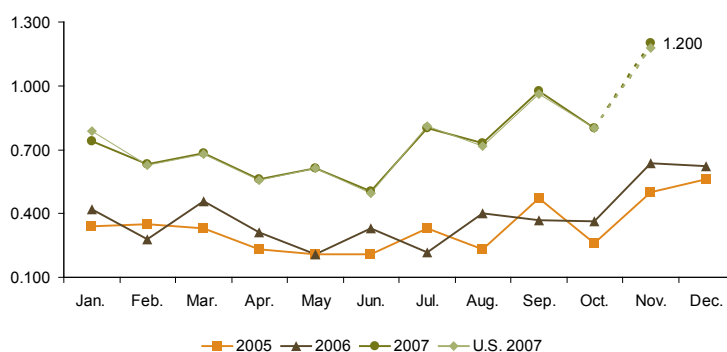
CHICKS HATCHED - October

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2006	2007	Percent Changes
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Alabama	112,065	114,267	+2
Arkansas	97,079	100,360	+3
Delaware	14,077	14,901	+6
Florida	5,051	5,069	0
Georgia	123,370	124,959	+1
Kentucky	26,201	27,266	+4
Louisiana	14,253	14,693	+3
Maryland	31,403	31,281	0
Mississippi	62,867	65,744	+5
North Carolina	66,356	70,218	+6
Oklahoma	23,452	23,950	+2
Pennsylvania	14,322	15,028	+5
South Carolina	19,426	19,853	+2
Texas	53,685	52,666	-2
Virginia	22,665	22,525	-1
California, Missouri, Tennessee, & West Virginia	67,035	70,727	+6
19 STATES ¹	753,307	773,507	+3
Other States ²	19,635	21,864	+11
UNITED STATES	772,942	795,371	+3

¹ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. ² Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR MARKET TYPE EGGS

*Preliminary Mid-month Prices for November, 2007 (Dollars per Dozen)



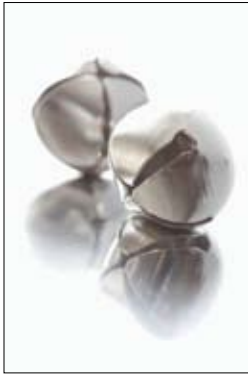
LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

TURKEY HATCHERY: Eggs in incubators on December 1, 2007 totaled 10,160,000 for the North and South Atlantic Region. This is up 8% from the 9,444,000 eggs reported on December 1, 2006. Poults hatched during November totaled 8,533,000, a 12% increase from the 7,621,000 poults hatched in November 2006.

CHICKEN EGGS: Broiler-type eggs in incubators on November 1, 2007 totaled 239,580,000 for the South Atlantic Region. The total was up 4% from the November 2006 total of 230,867,000 eggs. The total number of egg-type eggs in incubators on November 1, 2007 increased slightly from the previous year to 3,493,000 for the South Atlantic Region.

WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS ¹ - October 7-13, 2007, with Comparisons ²

REGION ³	TYPE OF WORKER						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired ⁴			
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>						<i>Thousands</i>	
Appalachian I	9.15	8.66	8.26	8.60	9.35	8.97	32	43
Appalachian II	8.66	9.24	9.22	9.53	9.30	9.75	27	31
Southeast	8.76	8.53	8.65	8.33	9.10	9.08	29	28
United States ⁵	9.26	9.62	9.42	9.98	9.96	10.33	800	806
¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Survey period in 2006 was October 8-14. ³ Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. ⁴ All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included. ⁵ Excludes Alaska.								



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